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The proposed final judgement is bad.

It will not restrain Microsoft from its chosen path of anti-competitive business practices. I am convinced significant improvement of Windows will diminish and the PC computing experience will become increasingly restrictive, intrusive, and dissatisfying for the end user.

Computer professionals will have to increasingly be upgrading, re-installing and repairing damage to PC functionality because of poorly written code.

If cars crashed as often as Windows PCs do in normal configurations, it would be suicidal to drive to work.

If banking computer systems were as susceptible to hackers as your home PC's financial records, we would have to put cash inside the mattress at home. The point is that a decent company can make a safe and reliable computer system, while Microsoft doesn't.

Dan Kegels' comments on the proposed Final Settlement undoubtedly raise mostly valid issues. The PFS is UNACCEPTABLE!

I believe Microsoft will not agree to ANY meaningful settlement, so plan on using an dictatorial finding of judgement, and use an unbending judge determined to give competition to Microsoft to administer this edict and keep a talented and committed person of the Judges choosing to be the "teeth" and bite.

I still think breaking the company up into Operating systems and Applications divisions and perhaps new products (with exclusion of anything derived from the Windows user interface).

Feel free to spend my tax dollars to accomplish this, but do it right and plan on a continuous fight until Bill Gates retires.

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P.S. My views haven't changed any more than Microsoft's in the last 10 years.

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